

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP

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Welcome to the summer 2007 issue. Ah summer...warm weather, blue skies, flowers, and vacation time for many of us. As you enjoy the sunshine and contemplate where you might like to travel, take some time to read the articles in this issue where you can learn about a number of library-related issues. Keeping with the travel theme, you can learn about two exciting and romantic sounding destinations: Betsy Hine takes us to the beautiful Italian countryside where she spent part of her sabbatical working with a culinary library, while Edith Campbell takes us to fascinating Saudi Arabia in her cleverly subtitled article, "How I Got to Have a Few Dates and Meet my Prince." William F. Meehan continues with the Italian theme in his article entitled "The Importance of Cosimo de Medici in Library History." This issue also continues its ongoing article series, "In Step with Indiana Authors" which features an interview with well-known Indiana author James Alexander Thom and the series by Marissa Priddis, our very own "Well Read Librarian," as well as the series that features news from the Indiana State Library. We are also introducing two new series. One series, by Mary Stanley, focuses on human resources issues in libraries. The other series features interviews with SLIS students and faculty. Leslie L. Morgan continues the topic of library students in her article "Academic Library Residency Programs: An Avenue of Success for Newly-Minted Librarians." Literacy is also an important topic that is discussed in two articles: Alice Mathew's "Coming Soon from Your Local Library....Family Literacy!" and Maryann Mori's "Graphic Novels: Leading



the Way to Teen Literacy and Leadership." This issue also contains a wealth of information on a variety of other library topics, from an article by Jennifer Burek Pierce, former *IL* editor, on correcting catalog records for a government publication to Wendy Knapp's article about WebJunction. Dragomir Cosanici enlightens readers about Indiana's open

door law while Jean-Pierre V.M. Herubel informs us about one selection approach for art history collections. The article by Arthur W. Hafner and Susan G. Akers emphasizes the importance of building library brand using taglines, slogans, or logos. Two articles encompass a topic that is often in the news: social software. Meg Atwater-Singer and Kate Sherrill discuss a variety of new technology including wikis, podcasting, and Web logs, while Vincci Kwong concentrates on reaching students using MySpace and Facebook. Heather Ward's article gives us a brief history of our ABCs. In addition, we learn about the new library at the University of Southern Indiana (USI) campus from Ruth Miller, and Julie Moline informs us about her search for a school library grant.

From ABCs to WebJunction, I hope you will enjoy the variety of articles in this issue, and I encourage you to submit an article for future publication.

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